

I'm On The Little End of Something Big Heb 9:14-15
Most of my high school and college days were taken up and preoccupied with one goal and one alone. Success on the basketball court. My dream was to play a critical role in a successful team. I was on some pretty successful teams. My 5th year I was on the team that won the Sub region Champions. But my role was not that big or important, I was really ~~just~~ just along for the ride. Some with college. Sat bench for 3 1/2 years played some few games my senior year but that's all. All I wanted was to play a large role in something really big. A few years ago I was listening to one of the greatest messages I have ever heard preached on tape. It was by a man named Buster Seaton - The Gospel preached to Abraham. In that message he quoted an old mountain preacher named Zed Madris as sayin' "clim on the little end of something big." Have you ever heard some body say somethin' passin' that just stuck with you. That quote did me and I began to look through the Bible and see some of the big things of God that I am on the little end of. That's my history.

I In His Redemption Hebrews 9:11-15 &
A. Here we see the high & holy economy
of God at work. Not made w/ hands. Uttermost
workings not slip-shod, here today & gone
tomorrow. Workings of God, otherworldly, mysterious

B. The Price of Redemption vs 11+12 Notice
here the priest becomes the sacrifice. With
His own blood... Man's problem is a blood prob-
lem. Contaminated w/ seed of Adam. Blood type given
by father... He had to be born of virgin or else
tainted blood. Blood that is acceptable to God is
in short supply, but His precious blood, is
acceptable, satisfactory. Oh we could never ^{redeem}

C. The Purity of Redemption vs 13-14 - w/o spot
The purity of His nature was exhibited in
the spotlessness of His life. God only accepts
perfection. So many times we say "God understands"
But in most cases we don't understand, His holiness
has been reaching in Exodus: "Don't touch, stay
back, Thundering & lightning, people covered in fear... Law
demands altar. A place of sacrifice, 1 Pet 1:18 as a lamb w/o
spot or blemish

D. The Promise of Redemption vs 15 - Filled
with promises, covenants, testaments. The new
testament/covenant, says that by the death
of Christ, the violations under the First
(old) could be redeemed, paid in full, expunged
Col 2:14 called it blotted out. All this eternal
work had everything to do with you and I and
yet we are only the receivers of the promise.

II In His Rapture 1 Thess. 4:13-17 3

A. You want to talk about something that is big, that will make world wide headlines, when the rapture of the church takes place - cars, buses, planes with no drivers, ^{millions} missing

B. Church-wide Good News - No wonder Paul said to comfort one another... Can you think of better

1) Our Fallen - The Thessalonians were concerned about their dead. What will become of them? Good News - the Dead are on the little end of... vs 13-15 Graveyards Speckled

2) Our Flight - vs 17 We are taking off! I hope ^{stepping} ~~ch~~ alive when it happens. Taking off.. Little boys sing, the clouds

3) Our Frame - 1 Cor 15:51-54 This old body that is ^{aching} with age and corruption, mortal, corrupt body will put on ^{immortality}, glorified, perfect, ^{His} like unto

4) Our Fellowship - So shall we ever be w/ ^{face to} ~~face~~ face fellowship, no longer gazing into a glass darkly ^{1 John 3:1-2}

C. World-wide Bad News - Upon this rapture some of the most catastrophic events in history of a world

1) The Restraint of H.S. Ends - II Thess 2:7 - not only the saint will exit from this world but also the Spirit. Believe it or not there is a restraining mark of God's H.S. active today. Keeping holding back the flood tide of wickedness long to ^{this world} drench

2) The Release of Judgment Begins - According to the Book of Revelation upon the taking away of the Church, the judgments of God will begin to be poured out upon the earth, seals, trumpet, bowl. Continued: these judgments will destroy

III. In His Kingdom Revelation 21: 4

A. Here we find ourselves in the glorious ending of all endings the Grand Finale of all eternity. Man, this is eternally Big. Find if you are saved, if you look real close ^{you are right slam}

B. A Gracious Comfort Rev 21: 3-4 It can nearly hardly be fulcrumed, God ~~king~~ King of Kings... stepping down to wipe away tears from our eyes. Tears ever departed, tears of pastor over flock, SS teacher over class, mother over children, gone, tears of pain tears of longing.

C. A Glorious City Rev 21: 10 + 16-18

The most beautiful city ever constructed The abode of God, 1500 miles Square, these words that John is feverishly writing can hardly be imagined by our minds and there he has prepared a place for us, ^{to be eternally} in His glorious light

D. A Grand Service Rev 22: 3-5

Man was created to work to serve. I hate to bust your bubble but you are not going to be propped up, strung up, and eating clouds like cotton candy, we will serve Him, render, worship pay homage to. See attached Sheet for illust.

IV. Conclusion - Here you ever felt as though nothing ever big has happened to you. They say that every one is suppose to get at least 15 min of fame and yours still looking for yours. Well listen the greatest event in Human History happens for your behalf

I think sometimes we sell Heaven short. You take the greatest church service that mind could ever imagine, fill it with the greatest choir man could assemble. Have the finest soloist and the greatest orchestra musicians could put together. And then find the greatest preacher preaching the greatest sermon you could ever hear. You multiply that a million fold and it still wouldn't touch the hem of how great heaven's going to be." - James Merritt